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Application No.: 09/651,130

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Title: ABSORBENT FOAM MATERIAL, A METHOD OF PRODUCING IT AND AN ABSORBENT

STRUCTURE CONTAINING SAID FOAM MATERIAL

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Victor S. Chang

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:						
Enc	losed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.					
	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.					
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$65.00 (2814) \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.					
	Also enclosed is/are					
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.					
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$395.00 (2801) \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).					
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.					
	Applicant(s) previously submitted					
	on					
	for which continued examination is requested.					
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.					
	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also					

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No additional claim fee is required.

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An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	14	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 4 =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
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Total Claim Amendme	\$ 0.00				
Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
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A check	in the amount of	_ is enclosed for the fee due.
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: